

Railroad Matters Lively.

As the new Rock Island Railroad is now within hearing distance of Versailles, matters pertaining to that particular line are becoming quite lively indeed. Monday night four car loads of camp equipment and a large consignment of stock came in here over the Missouri Pacific and was unloaded Tuesday morning, and more teams and equipment arrived later in the week to be distributed at the camps west of town.

Contractor A. C. Schafer, who has the first contract west of Versailles, is quite sick at his home on Campbell street, but he has good bosses in charge of his contract who are pushing the work to the fullest extent, and this contract will be the first one finished.

Thirty teams have been placed at the disposal of Harris Bros. at their camp. 89 teams will assist the second steam shovel, while 25 or 30 teams will be added to the equipment of the big steam shovel at Salem to aid in finishing.

Engineer C. C. Crew is now looking after the work of grading and leveling and will meet the tracklayers who are coming in from the east, and in all probability the steel laying will round up in Versailles Sunday evening. This is about the situation as it exists here, and before another issue, we hope to give our readers a few toots from the locomotives to indicate that the new Rock Island is here in reality.

NEWSY PICKUPS.

Joplin has a block heated by electricity. Who says Joplin isn't fast?

Clinton is to have a corn show, and among the products will undoubtedly be seen "the fluid extract."

The age of Mary and Ann is creating more insane allusions by the average editor than did the crazy 13-14-15 puzzle years ago.

A Mr. Squibbs had a fit at a church fair in St. Charles, and every paper in the county was filled with squibbs because of the event.

A citizen of Munich, Mo., has a record of having consumed 32,599 quarts of beer. To say he is a "thirsty soul" would be tautology.

As usual, some Kansans don't know a good thing when they have it and are trying to annul the truancy law. It is to be hoped that they will receive what is "coming to them."

Football seems to be taking from half a column to two pages of space in the papers throughout the state. Every cross-roads station and watering tank has a team.

A woman in Doylestown named Flips, secured a divorce on the ground that Flips didn't give her pin money. Perhaps he thought her seven little Flips were enough.

Some gamblers were fined \$100 per head in Joplin recently by Judge Babbs. If they receive a few more "dabs" like that their "sinking fund" will be considerably diminished.

The Clinton Democrat refers to the Bowle meetings in New York as smut machines, but to the general reader they are more of a reminder of a smoke consumer that is badly out of repair.

Whatever he might have thought his fate would be, it never occurred to A. M. Russell of Topeka he should be run down by a beer wagon and seriously hurt. But such is the versatility of fate.

In speaking of an ear of Indian corn half red and half white, Editor George Davis of the Salina Citizen suggests it might have been raised by a squaw man in Indian Territory. It must have been that or—something else.

The following are conditions given by a Missouri exchange by which farm hands can be retained: "Wages will be \$9 a day. Breakfast will be served in bed. Working hours will be from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. All heavy work is to be done by the boss. Cigars furnished free. Any hand working the entire season can have the farm."

The Saline County Citizen gives an account of one Mr. Charlie Bacon, who is deputy sheriff of Saline county, severely beating Luther Ham, a negro, with his fists while attempting to take the latter to jail. Contradictory to the general belief, this only tends to prove the superiority of Bacon over Ham. Ham was badly bruised up and will no doubt have to remain in the smoke-house until cured.

Large English Berkshires.

I have some fine male pigs of the above breed for sale. No better breeding in the country.

WM. FORMAN, Versailles, Mo.

Knoop-Poage Nuptials.

On Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock occurred the wedding of Amos A. Knoop of Versailles and Miss Mary Poage of Sedalia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Pritchett, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Frances Poage, 691 West 5th street, Sedalia, in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties.

The couple departed at once for St. Louis. They will return to Versailles next Monday and will board at the City Hotel until the completion of the groom's fine residence on McNair Heights, where they will be at home to their friends about the first of the year.

The groom is one of our best known young men who is now serving his second term as Prosecuting Attorney of Morgan county, his prospects for the future being very flattering.

The bride is one of the society belles of Sedalia, with all the accomplishments to make her an agreeable companion. The DEMOCRAT joins with their host of friends in wishing the young couple blissful happiness and a full measure of prosperity to the end of life.

Mrs. D. A. Fairley and Mrs. F. Gwynn of this city were in attendance at the wedding.

Another Coal Mine Deal.

The following from the Russellville Rustler, will be found interesting to our readers, as it concerns one of our prominent real estate dealers. The Rustler says:

"Ex-Gov. John P. St. John of Kansas, accompanied by H. L. Page and R. E. McDonald of Ft. Scott arrived here Thursday morning from Hickory Hill where they had been to examine the Hastings Coal Mines which have lately been opened on the farm of Wm. Hastings, one half mile east of Hickory Hill.

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"Gov. St. John is at present located at Versailles, Mo., and is extensively engaged in developing and operating lead and coal mines throughout the state. The Hastings mine has been listed with him for sale. Messrs. Page and McDonald are capitalists and mine operators and their visit here was for the purpose of examining the mines and investing capital to have them extensively and successfully worked."

Mrs. Porter Nelson Dead.

Mrs. Minnie Agnes Nelson, wife of Porter Nelson, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton McDaniel of Atkinsville, died at her home one mile north of Fortuna last Friday morning, aged 21 years, three months and 25 days.

This was a death in which every detail carries with it a tinge of sadness, which all friends of the bereaved young husband fully realize. Only three months ago they were married with all the surroundings favorable for a long and prosperous wedded life, everything to that end had been provided, but just when their fondest hopes were maturing, the death angel entered their home and plucked the fair young flower and caused a cloud of sorrow to envelope the young husband which is indeed hard to bear.

The funeral occurred Saturday afternoon, the remains having been conveyed to the Fortuna cemetery for interment, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, who offer a full measure of condolence to the husband and other relatives in this hour of their deepest sorrow.

Deceased was well and favorably known in Versailles, being a niece by marriage of Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Williams of this city—who were in attendance at the funeral Saturday.

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The death of Rev. W. R. Letsinger, Nov. 2nd, 1903, deprived Versailles Lodge No. 117, A. F. & A. M., of a worthy, notable member. We shall miss his venerable form, wholesome counsel, and Godly example.

The will of the Lord is supreme. Hence we bow in quiet submission to this dispensation of His Providence. The usual badge of mourning will recall pleasant memories of association with the departed; and also point us to the better estate enjoyed by him.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and cause a copy hereof to be spread on our minutes, and furnished the local papers for publication.

Committee: M. ADDISON, C. H. MASON, E. PRICE.

A child of Mrs. Geo. T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night bath, stepped back against a hot stove which burned him severely. The child was in great agony and his mother could do nothing to pacify him. Remembering that she had a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, she thought she would try it. In less than half an hour after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Kellar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment and especially valuable for burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. For sale by Witten Drug Co.

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